

## AMBASSADOR BIDS ITALIANS GO WEST

Arriving Envoy's First Advice to Own People Is Against Crowding Cities.

THRONGS GREET CELESTI

Prince Declares Patriotism and Sense Saved Homeland From Bolshevism.

Stepping ashore with a smile Prince Celestino, the newly appointed Italian Ambassador to the United States, arrived last night on the Colombo and greeted a big gathering of his countrymen on the West Fifty-seventh street pier. Prince Celestino left here in 1915 when he answered the call of his country to war.

Down the bay he gave out a statement as his greeting to the American public:

"The pleasure I feel in coming back to the United States is twofold. Personally it is a real joy to set foot again in this country, which has been my second home during the best years of my life, and shake hands with so many good and faithful friends. As Ambassador I feel honored to represent my country in this moment of wonderful transformation through which it is evolving. I am anxious to help Americans in better understanding what has happened and is happening in Italy to-day and to devote myself to the good of both countries.

"A better and closer understanding between both countries will strengthen our old friendship and bring a great deal of good to all concerned; it will also help in bringing the entangled world affairs to a happy issue and insure peace for some time to come.

**Patriotism Triumphed.**

"For a while American people may have wondered whether Italy was going astray. In 1919 and 1920 appearances were surely not favorable. But those who know the intimate nature of the Italians were sure that common sense and character would prevail at the end. History has proved it more than once. Whenever the welfare of Italy seemed in danger the people have united in a common, decided effort and put public affairs upon the straight track again; this has happened during the struggles of the Italian independence; it happened after the defeat of Garibaldi, and lately, when it seemed that Bolshevism was going to overrun the country.

"The Italians are conservative by nature and contrary to all forms of extremism; this is especially true in the South, where Socialism has never been able to obtain a foothold. Socialist leaders trying to make propaganda in Sicily have regularly been kicked out. "When in 1919 and 1920 Bolshevism seemed for a moment to have taken hold in northern Italy the Italian youth, the war veterans and the best part of the population united in a patriotic movement known under the name of 'Fascismo,' which has not only swept off the table Communism, Bolshevism and anarchy but also demagogues and all the old rusty trash which hindered the work of redemption and reconstruction.

"Mussolini has been the leader of this movement; he is a remarkable man who has proved what he is capable of doing, not for Italy alone but for the good of Europe. He has taken the reins of the Government with the practical sense and firmness of a business man who intends straightening out a business which threatens to go to ruin. He has no hesitations in rooting out ruffians and knows the art of picking out men for what they are worth. He is backed by all there is best in the country.

**Effect to Be Lasting.**

"The feelings that now prevail in Italy are not due to any infatuation of the moment; the national feeling has been aroused to its deepest roots and the effect of what is being done now will last for a long time. The people are firmly determined to pull Italy through its financial and social difficulties and are not afraid of sacrifice to put public affairs upon the right track again. It will be a long, hard pull, but we can and we are going to do it.

"Italy is the oldest nation in European history, but at the same time it is the most youthful one of Europe to-day. It is overrunning with desire for new enterprises; it has an unlimited supply of intelligent labor and many of its resources are yet undeveloped.

"The United States is the greatest financial power of the world—no other nation can compare with it for technical knowledge and for capacity of organization. Vast enterprises are still to be achieved, especially in agricultural fields of the West.

"Cooperation of both countries is therefore a natural outcome of such conditions. "I would like to see the Italian rural emigrants move out West, where there is land to be tilled, and not incur themselves in the unnatural surroundings of the great congested Eastern cities."

At Quarantine the new Ambassador was met by the Charge d'Affaires of the Italian Embassy, Cav. T. F. Bernardi; the Italian Consul-General in New York and many others, and at the pier were at least a thousand persons representing Italian institutions. The Ambassador was driven to the Hotel Ritz-Carlton, which will be his home for a few days before he goes to his post in Washington.

## WOMAN SPEEDER SAYS SHE FLED COURT ROOM

Answered Summons, but Still Sentences Scared Her.

Mrs. Geneva L. Lewis, 25, of 710 Riverside Drive, wife of a coal dealer, was arraigned in Traffic Court yesterday on a charge of speeding and was fined \$25 by Magistrate House. On October 23 a policeman, who alleges that Mrs. Lewis had run her automobile at twenty-eight miles an hour in Central Park, served a summons on her requiring her appearance in Traffic Court on October 28.

Mrs. Lewis, who then resided at 61 West Fifty-first street, said yesterday that she was in court October 28, but that she lost her nerve while waiting for her case to be called, observing that the Magistrate was dealing out stiff sentences and fines for offenses similar to that charged against her. She went to a drug store to get something for her nerves and did not return. A warrant was issued the same day, but when the warrant officer called at the West Fifty-first street address he was advised that she had moved. It was not until Tuesday night that he was able to find her.

## American Princess Here With Royal Greek Husband



Prince Christopher and Princess Anastasia, the former Mrs. William B. Leeds, arriving yesterday on board the Olympic. In the picture at the upper right the Prince, who is making his first visit to America, is wearing a monocle, which he put on just for fun while posing for the photographers.

## PRINCESS ANASTASIA HERE WITH HER ROYAL HUSBAND

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over one intricate set of kinkship: "I can't."

"How"—this was another question—"does it feel to be deposed?"

"Heavenly," the Prince promptly answered, adding: "But I don't think you can say my case is exactly that." "The Prince talks English with only the accent of England, where he was schooled. The Princess, having lived abroad so long, has a French accent. She retains a great deal of her celebrated beauty. It was a lovely, soft voiced woman who held out both hands as the press invaded the reception room of her suite on the Olympic. She said that the rough passage and an attack of laryngitis, following her serious illness of last year, had been very trying, but looked quite well and insisted on standing throughout the interview.

Around her neck was a double rope of graduated pearls. "Yes, they are the famous pearls," her husband, who anticipated every question, offered later. By which he meant the "Leeds pearls," bought by the late William B. Leeds in Paris fifteen years ago for \$340,000 and the subject of a great customs lawsuit started and lost by the United States Government. The Princess also wore a diamond studded wrist watch, a gold bracelet set with two diamonds, a diamond and emerald ring and her wedding ring. She confessed that she had lost most of her jewelry in Paris. For readers craving such details it may be added that her fur coat and muff were kolinsky, her simple hat brown velvet, her gown brown crepe de chine and her shoes suede pumps.

As for Prince Christopher, that amiable, unpretentious and not at all stupid man—although the Greek army thought him no great shakes as a soldier—he is 34 years old, but looks somewhat more because he is plump as well as bald. He is tall. His eyes are blue and the shape of his head and cast of countenance betray his Norse ancestry. He explains, "I'm a Dane, not a Greek." He might

from his appearance be either a business man or an entomologist. He would never do for a royal prince in the movies.

He wore when first sighted yesterday a pair of spectacles with light amber celluloid rims. He obligingly put these in his pocket and substituted a monocle when requested to do so by a photographer. He wore no spats and carried no cane. His costume consisted of a gray sack suit, soft collared striped shirt, black and white tie, gray fedora hat, black oxford shoes and gray woolen clocked stockings. In speaking of his wife he said "my wife," not "the Princess," and nobody mentioned anybody's Royal Highness at all.

**Eager to Note Changes.**

The pair told the reporters to ask whatever questions they liked. They answered frankly. The Princess said this: She had come solely for her health, to visit her native land and to attend to business of the Leeds estate. After two or three months she would return to London and then Paris, and eventually, if conditions in Greece permitted, to Athens. For a few days her husband and herself would be at the Hotel Ambassador (where they have a suite of fifteen rooms). Then, after visiting her sister, Mrs. Henderson M. Green, in Montclair, she would go to Palm Beach, as her physician had told her to go to a warm climate. The Prince would travel, and rejoin her in Florida.

She was, she said, excited by her return to this country, eager to see what changes have come about. Had the royal families of Europe treated her well—an American who had married into them? "Oh, yes; being an American makes no difference, but I've been a little homesick. I want to be known as an American, although legally I am a Greek." Regarding the short-lived restoration of King Constantine, she had not given one cent toward it or to any other political use, but as

much as she could afford to charity. Did she believe Constantine now wanted to return to the throne? No, he went away willingly and did not want to go back. How great was her fortune? She shrugged, and said she could not tell without finding out from the trustees. (It had been estimated at from \$14,000,000 to \$60,000,000, but William B. Leeds's estate, after his death in 1908, was appraised at a little more than \$14,000,000.

The Greek officials, including several of Constantine's Ministers, recently put to death in Greece by the Revolutionary Committee were, she said, all her personal friends.

"But you must understand," she added, defending Greece against itself, "that Greece is revolutionary still. King George is the reigning monarch but has a military government which assumes all the power. You must remember that the Greek army has been mobilized for years, the nation has suffered terribly; everything has been taken from it. You must consider that in thinking of the harsh measures that have been taken."

She said her husband, known to his friends as Christo, did not flee from Greece, but left of his own accord and without molestation. She herself had been in Paris for more than a year and had no intention of taking any part in Greek politics.

In Paris, said Prince Christopher, the New York Herald of Paris rendered "inestimable service" by telephoning him the latest news from Greece, which he could not get in any other way. In Greece, he said, "America is amazingly loved" because of the work of Near East Relief and the Red Cross. He inquired about Clemenceau's American tour and remarked:

"In my opinion America should take a greater part in world affairs and put some people in their places." The Prince wields a strong truncheon at golf and will try the American courses. Among those who welcomed the pair yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Green and their daughter; John B. Elder, secretary of the Leeds estate; a bishop of the Greek Church and the publishers of *Atlantic*.

## MRS. BRUNEN FREED; HARRY MOHR GUILTY

Jury Finds Wife of Circus Man Had Nothing to Do With His Murder.

HER BROTHER IN PLOT

Woman, Saying She Was Sure of Verdict, Threatens to Open Tea Room in New York.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., Dec. 20.—To-night at 8:20 o'clock a jury before Justice Kallach found Mrs. Doris Brunen not guilty and her brother, Harry C. Mohr, guilty of the murder of Mrs. Brunen's husband, John Brunen, owner of the Mighty Doris Circus, who was shot and killed at his home in Riverside last March. The jury, handing in a verdict against Mohr on a charge of murder in the first degree, recommended life imprisonment at hard labor. Justice Kallach announced that he would not sentence Mohr until January 9 in order to give his counsel time to decide upon an appeal.

The case went to the jury at 5:35 o'clock, so that the jurors deliberated for two hours and forty-five minutes. Mrs. Brunen was weeping when the jury filed into the room and the jurors took their places in the box, and when the verdict was announced she moaned and fell forward in her chair. It was some time before she could be revived, and then Justice Kallach told her that she was free. She said that she would go at once to the home of her parents in Philadelphia and that later she would open a Mexican tea shop in New York or in Philadelphia.

Mohr was sent to jail. He showed no emotion. "I knew that they couldn't convict me for one minute," said Mrs. Brunen. "When you are speaking the truth no one can tangle you. My brother is just

as innocent as I am, and the jury had no reason for convicting him. I pray that he will get another chance to prove his innocence."

Justice Kallach's charge to the jury was regarded by most persons who have followed the trial as a direction of acquittal, so far as Mrs. Brunen was concerned. He said that the testimony against Mrs. Brunen was very meager, the principal witnesses against her being Charles M. Powell and Hazel Brunen, one a confessed murderer and the other a girl admittedly hating her step-mother. It seemed to him, the Justice said, that Hazel's testimony had little weight in establishing Mrs. Brunen's connection with the murder.

"There does not appear to be any proof," he said, "that she was in any combination that Mohr and Powell might have formed to kill Brunen."

So far as concerned Mohr, the Justice instructed the jury to consider carefully Powell's testimony. He said that while a jury may convict on the uncorroborated evidence of an accomplice, it would be a dangerous thing. The statement by Powell showing what he did on the night of the murder, he said, in no way connected Mohr or Mrs. Brunen with the crime.

**ASKS POLICE TO FIND NAPOLEON'S LETTER**

Broker Says He Lost Valuable Curio After Dinner.

Joseph M. Attie, a broker at the Hotel Astor, appealed to the police yesterday to aid him in finding a lost or stolen curio consisting of a letter said to have been written by Napoleon Bonaparte, August 18, 1805, to the Austrian General, Mack, on the occasion of the latter's defeat preceding the investment of Ulm. At that time the French Emperor, in admiration of the courage displayed by his vanquished opponent, presented him with a gold clock set under an equestrian figure of Napoleon, cast in gold.

Mr. Attie told the police that his wallet, containing in addition to the letter, \$410 in cash, a round trip ticket to San Francisco and his American naturalization papers, disappeared from his pocket when he was returning to his hotel from a restaurant at Forty-second street and Broadway on Tuesday night. His greatest concern, he said, was over the loss of the letter since it established the historic value of the clock. Mr. Attie is a native of Bordeaux, France, and resides in San Francisco.

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